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Mr. Richard H. Karney, PE
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Dear Mr. Karney,

I am writing to support the acceptance of the Four-Zone Energy Star map. Saving energy is a high priority to all consumers and the Four-Zone proposal benefits consumers year-round. The separation of the Central Region provides more realistic climate temperatures, such as the New York climate not included in the same zone as Dallas, Texas.

I believe the four-zone map for Energy Star will:

- Provide greater energy savings
- Take advantage of free solar energy
- Provide competitive pricing for consumers by maintaining a market for all types of high performance Low E glass
- Provide climate zones more in line with regional needs
- Higher solar heat gain products that perform better than low solar gain should not be excluded from the market, consumers should have a choice in their energy savings
- Allow builders and consumers to select the optimum product for their region

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding this crucial proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Chase